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Prior to 8 January 1954, the barracks installation on either side of Schubert Strasse (8181) in Gotha quartered an estimated 1,800 to 2,000 troops, 85 to 90 percent of whom wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and the others red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and signal insignia and black-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. [REDACTED] on 23 December, 25X1 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets engaged in gymnastics. Groups of 7 soldiers each wearing red-bordered black epaulets trained with 4 x 85-mm 25X1B AT guns emplaced behind the barracks installation. About 60 soldiers dug themselves in about 300 meters in front of the AT gun emplacement. [REDACTED] on 5 January, 25X1 5 trucks towing 2 x 57-mm AT guns and 1 field kitchen were entering the east section of the Neue Kaserne (8181). The vehicles mounted a total of about 80 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on 6 January, about 25 soldiers equipped with 8 barrels, each about 1.25 meters long and of 80 to 100 mm caliber, and entrenching tools entered the west section of the Heeres Flak Kaserne (9181). [REDACTED] about 25X1B 160 to 200 soldiers equipped with carbines returned to the Neue Kaserne. At about 25X1 8 January, 6 trucks towing 2 x 85-mm AT guns drove into the Heeres Flak Kaserne. Four of the trucks mounted one heavy machine gun each and carried a total of about 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On several days during the period of observation, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia trained with a radar set. Motor vehicles identified in traffic to and from the 25X1B installation included [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] infantry weapons and service color in the present report definitely confirm the 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div as being stationed in these installations (8181) in January 1954. The 85-mm AT guns were commented on previously. Thus, AT guns have arrived at an army AT artillery brigade, and at tank, mechanized and motorized rifle divisions. Whether the AT guns reported from Gotha belong to the rifle regiment or to the 64th AT Arty Brig (US) of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div also stationed here cannot yet be said. The radar set of the air force is known to be stationed there. Report fails to give indications as to the 93d Mtrcl Bn (US), which is believed stationed there.

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